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President Charles Kupchella will give his annual "State of the University" address and convene a meeting of the University Council at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

UND posts highest ever enrollment

The University posted a historic high enrollment of 12,486 Aug. 26, the first day of classes. That puts UND on pace to reach the 13,000 mark within the next three weeks, when UND snaps its final 2003-04 enrollment picture, said President Charles Kupchella.

"We are absolutely delighted. This puts us ahead of the game in reaching our strategic plan goal of 14,000 students," said Kupchella. "Bob Boyd (vice president for student and outreach services) and his staff in enrollment management and enrollment services, as well as the faculty and staff all deserve a lot of credit for a lot of hard work to get us to this point. What a marvelous story."

The first day number already tops last year's final count of 12,423, and eclipses last year's first day tally of 11,887 by nearly 600 students [599, a 5.0 percent increase], said Registrar Nancy Krogh.

Helping lead the growth are 2,185 new freshmen, UND's largest ever beginning class and already well beyond UND's strategic plan goal of 1,850 new freshmen each year. Last year there were 1,967 new freshmen on opening day, and the previous year 1,920 new freshmen showed up for the first day of classes. That trend bodes well for overall enrollment numbers at UND during the next few years, said Kupchella.

Likewise, the number of first day new transfer students is holding fairly steady at 769, a slight dip from the 789 last year, but still 73 ahead of the two previous years (696 for each year). UND has completed a growing number of program-to-program articulation agreements with two-year colleges throughout North Dakota and the region which already are helping to feed UND's enrollment.

At 1,640, the graduate school first day number looks particularly good, said Kupchella, who praised Graduate Dean Joey Benoit, his staff and graduate faculty for helping the University implement its strategic plan to increase the number of graduate students. Graduate school first day numbers for the past few years: 1,474 (2002), 1,337 (2001), 1,251 (2000), 1,178 (1999) and 1,121 (1998).

UND continues to get more than its fair share of students from North Dakota and Minnesota. The number of first-day in-state students is 6,887, up 140 over last year's 6,747 first-day number. Minnesota students number 3,239, up 259 over last year's first-day Minnesota student count of 2,980. In addition to the geographic standbys including the surrounding states and provinces, UND is showing good growth in its target states – particularly Arizona (24), California (98), Colorado (112), and Washington (141) – said Robert Boyd, vice president for student and outreach services.

"We continue to be very pleased with the University's enrollment growth, which is in keeping with our strategic plan," said Kupchella. "We also continue to be happy about the balanced growth. We continue to attract growing numbers of students from around the country and the globe. It is clear that people continue to think of the University of North Dakota as an outstanding institution of higher learning."

Also looking good is UND's retention. Overall (including beginning freshmen), UND's freshman class is at 2,725, compared to 2,587 in 2002 and 2,535 in 2001. Other undergraduate class comparisons:

Sophomore: 2,742, compared to 2,725 in 2002 and 2,515 in 2001;

Junior: 2,015, compared to 1,900 in 2002 and 1,871 in 2001;

Senior: 2,943, compared to 2,789 in 2002 and 2,613 in 2001.

EVENTS TO NOTE

Chemical engineering, chemistry host speaker Sept. 3

Dr. Paca from the Technical University of Prague Institute of Technology will present a seminar, "Waste Gas Cleaning by Biofiltration," Wednesday, Sept. 3, at noon in 218 Harrington Hall. All faculty and students are welcome. Dr. Paca is being hosted by the chemical engineering and chemistry departments. – Michael Mann, chemical engineering.

Agenda listed for Sept. 4 University Senate meeting

The University senate will meet Thursday, Sept. 4, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements.
2. Minutes of the previous meetings (April 24, May 1, and May 8) and business arising from the minutes. These minutes may be viewed at <http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/registrar/senate/senindex>.
3. Question period.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. No items submitted.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

5. Slate of nominees for Senate officers. Mary Askim, committee on committees.
 6. Election of a Senate chairperson. Mary Askim, committee on committees.
 7. Election of a Senate vice chairperson. Mary Askim, committee on committees.
 8. Election of a faculty representative to a two-year term on the Senate executive committee. Mary Askim, committee on committees.
 9. Election of two Senate faculty members to a two-year term each on the committee on committees. Mary Askim, committee on committees.
 10. Election of a student representative to the Senate executive committee. Mary Askim, committee on committees.
 11. Senate orientation. John Bridewell.
 12. Candidates for degrees in August 2003, Nancy Krogh, University registrar.
 13. Report from the curriculum committee, Doug Marshall, chair, curriculum committee.
 14. UND web course information site, Jan Goodwin.
- Nancy Krogh (University registrar), secretary, University Senate.

Law library holds open house

The staff of the Thormodsgard Law Library will host an open house Thursday, Sept. 4, between noon and 3 p.m. We invite members of the campus community and friends to stop by and see the new SpaceSaver compact shelving system installed this summer on the library's basement level. – Kim Keeley, office manager, law library.

Volunteer agencies will recruit students Sept. 4

On Thursday, Sept. 4, DOVS (Directors of Volunteer Services) will be on campus to recruit volunteers for their non-profit agencies.

DOVS provides students with the opportunity to secure required volunteer hours for their majors and, in addition, to provide volunteer opportunities for UND students and faculty who would like to volunteer in our community. Prospective volunteers may come to the second floor of the Memorial Union between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to visit with volunteer representatives and to sign up for volunteer placements.

For additional information about UND volunteer recruitment day, please call Sue Fisk at Altru Hospice, 780-1450. – Jan Orvik, editor, for Sue Fisk, Altru Hospice.

Discounted tickets available for Always . . . Patsy Cline

The Dakota Theater Company, in conjunction with the Crimson Creek Collegiate Players, presents Always . . . Patsy Cline Sept. 3, 4, 5, and 6 at the Central High School Theater. UND personnel and their families who wish to attend the Wednesday and Friday performances can buy tickets no later than Friday, Aug. 29, and receive the normal \$15 ticket for \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the Chester Fritz Box Office or call 777-4090. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. each evening. – Diane Nelson (human resources) for Crimson Creek Collegiate Players.

"Kids At Risk in Rural America" conference planned

You're invited to attend the first-ever Kids at Risk in Rural America conference Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 8-10, at the North Dakota State Fair Center in Minot.

This conference is a combination of the former N.D. Alcohol and Substance Abuse Summit, N.D. Substance Abuse Prevention Conference, and N.D. Children's Mental Health Conference. This combined conference seeks to educate professionals from all disciplines in innovative practices in working with youth at risk. More than 500 participants from North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Iowa, Wisconsin and Canada are expected to attend. You will learn new skills, knowledge and practices, while challenging yourself to think about our care system for youth.

Keynote talks are:

- "Building Bridges and Strengthening Communities," by Fred Garcia, chief of program services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Olympia, Wash. With four disparate missions, mental health, prevention, treatment, and child protective services appear to be miles apart. Mr. Garcia will share strategies for moving beyond conflict and toward consensus.
- "What Do We Know Now? What Are We Learning? What Do We Do Next?" by Steve Hornberger, director of behavioral health, Child Welfare League of America, Washington, D.C. With over 20 years of experience in human services and community building, Mr. Hornberger will discuss trends and bridging AOD, mental health and child welfare services.
- "Rural Improvement Initiatives for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Providers," by Jeff Bormaster, Western regional consultation manager, Child Welfare League of America - National Center for Field Consultation, Palm Springs, Calif. Based on his work in rural Oklahoma, Mr. Bormaster will discuss how providers in rural areas can improve their mental health, child welfare and substance abuse services.

For more information or to register, visit www.conted.und.edu/kidsatrisk for a detailed schedule, continuing education information, and to register. Or you may call UND Office of Conference Services at 777-2663 or 866-579-2663. You can also e-mail us at conferences@mail.und.nodak.edu. Register by Friday, Aug. 22, to save \$35.

The conference is sponsored and planned by North Dakota Department of Human Services, Dakota Boys Ranch, Child Welfare League of America, The Village Family Service Center and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), and coordinated by the Office of Conference Services, UND. – Jennifer Raymond, Coordinator, Conference Services, Division of Continuing Education.

Visiting professor displays jewelry, metal work

Melissa Lovingood, visiting assistant professor in metalsmithing/jewelry, currently has a display of her jewelry and metalwork at the Col. Eugene Meyers Gallery, Hughes Fine Arts Center, until Sept. 12. The gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. A closing reception is set for Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the gallery. You're invited to meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

On display are jewelry items, letter openers, knives, menorahs, bud vase and candleholders. The techniques used to make these items are part of the curriculum taught in the jewelry/metalsmithing area. For more information, contact Lovingood at 777-2908.

Lecturer will discuss scientists in environmental politics

The Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment opens its fall 2003 distinguished speaker series with a talk by Roger Pielke Jr., titled "Scientists in Environmental Politics and Policy," Thursday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. A reception precedes the talk at 3:30 p.m. The talk will also be webcast live at www.umac.org.

Dr. Pielke is a scientist at the environmental and societal impacts group at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., and a fellow of the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences (CIRES). At CIRES he serves as the director of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research. He also serves as the director of graduate studies for the University's graduate program in environmental studies.

With a B.A. in mathematics and a doctorate in political science from the University of Colorado, Dr. Pielke's current areas of interest include understanding the relations of science and politics, technology policy in the atmospheric and related sciences, use and value of prediction in decision making, and policy education for scientists.

Dr. Pielke is a contributing lead author for the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and serves on the advisory panel of the National Academy of Sciences Program on Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science and Technology, and the Science Steering Committee of the World Meteorological Organization's World Weather Research Programme, among other advisory committees. He sits on the editorial boards of Policy Sciences, Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, and Natural Hazards Review. — Rebecca Philips, Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium.

Rascal Flatts plays Engelstad Arena for Homecoming

Ralph Engelstad Arena welcomes CMT Most Wanted Live Tour on Friday, Sept. 26. Rascal Flatts will headline the tour with Chris Cagle and Brian McComas as opening acts. This will be the second consecutive year that Ralph Engelstad Arena has provided a national act as part of Homecoming.

Beginning in early 2000, Rascal Flatts sent three songs into the Top 10: "Prayin' for Daylight," "This Everyday Life" and "While You Loved Me." Though held in contempt by traditionalists, the trio sold more than 500,000 discs. A late-blooming fourth single, "I'm Movin' On," reached a more mature audience, propelling their self-titled debut album to platinum status and spawning an inspirational book of the same name. "These Days," the first single from their 2002 album Melt, hit No. 1 on the country charts. Rascal Flatts received the CMT "Horizon Award" in 2002 and were awarded both "Song of the Year" and "Top Vocal Group" by the Academy of Country Music in 2003.

Chris Cagle released his 2001 debut album, Play It Loud, which included the future No. 1, "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out." A self-titled sophomore effort followed in 2003. Brian McComas climbed the charts in 2003 with "99.9% Sure (I've Never Been Here Before)."

Tickets for the show are on sale at the Ralph Engelstad box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.theralph.com. Ticket prices for the show are \$33.50 for all reserved floor seats and \$27.50 for bowl seats. — Ralph Engelstad Arena, 777-4167.

Theatre department lists plays

The theatre department presents a little bit of Broadway in your own backyard for the 2003-2004 season, with three productions recently revived on Broadway. The schedule follows:

"Little Shop of Horrors," book and lyrics by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, and Nov. 6-8, Burtneess Theatre.

"Proof," by David Auburn March 2-6, Burtneess Lab Theatre.

"Private Lives," by Noel Coward, April 20-24, Burtneess Theatre

The studio lab season in the Burtneess Lab Theatre, with experimental works directed by students and faculty, will be announced later.

Call 777-3446 for more information. Burtneess Theatre box office hours are Monday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m.; days of performances, 2 to 7:30 p.m., phone, 777-2587. — Theatre department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce named director of continuing medical education and outreach

A.Wayne Bruce has been named to a new full-time position as director of the Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Outreach at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Prior to his appointment, Bruce served part-time as director of that office for nearly two years, in addition to directing the

school's Division of Medical Laboratory Science. Ruth Paur, assistant professor of pathology, will be interim director of the division until the search for a full-time director is completed. The division offers programs leading to bachelor's and master's degrees in cytotechnology and clinical laboratory science.

In his new position, Bruce is responsible for overseeing the accreditation process for CME programs for physicians and other health care professionals who attend such programs to keep abreast of the latest information and advances in their fields and to maintain their licenses to practice.

Last fall, a program he developed with the Mayo Clinic, called the Mayo Cohort Project, was initiated to provide Mayo employees continuing education in clinical laboratory science through online courses, leading to advanced degrees. The five-year project, officially unveiled last August, has attracted more than 120 students, Bruce said.

Bruce has been with the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences since 1975 when he was named director of the then-medical technology (now clinical laboratory science) program. – H. David Wilson, dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Scott Doty joins wellness department

Scott Doty has joined the staff of the wellness department as coordinator of fitness. He will oversee the Wellness Center and the department's fitness programs, including educational programs, incentive programs, fitness assessment, and personal training.

Doty earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at UND and a master's degree in human performance at Oregon State University. He has also served as a lecturer for exercise physiology in the department of physical education and exercise science at UND and was most recently at the Altru Sports Acceleration program. His office is in 267 Hyslop Sports Center. – Wellness department.

Business office moves to Union for fee payment Sept. 4, 5

Fall 2003 fee payment will be conducted Thursday and Friday, Sept. 4 and 5. If you are consulting with an individual who needs one-on-one assistance from the business office staff, please refer the individual to the Memorial Union Ballroom, business manager's table, on Sept. 4 and 5. The business office in Twamley Hall will be closed these two days. Your assistance is appreciated. – Wanda Sporbett, director, business office.

Nominations sought for graduate faculty

The graduate school has issued the semi-annual call for nominations for membership on the graduate faculty. A memorandum detailing the process, and including a copy of the nomination form, has been sent to the chairperson and director of each department/program offering a graduate degree. The deadline for nominations to be received in the graduate school is Tuesday, Sept. 9. Final action on the nominations will be completed by Oct. 15. – Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

Departments should discard vendor registry letters

Any University departments should discard North Dakota vendor registry letters and vendor registry applications. This vendor registration is in conjunction with the ConnectND-PeopleSoft vendor database and will be handled centrally for the entire University. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Romuld, director of purchasing and ConnectND module lead, 777-2681 or Sharon Berning, director of financial management, 777-2015. – Purchasing office.

Labor Day hours listed

Sept. 1 is Labor Day holiday

In accordance with State Board of Higher Education directives, Monday, Sept. 1, will be observed as Labor Day by faculty and staff members of the University. Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday. – John Ettling, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Diane Nelson, Director, Human Resources.

Chester Fritz Library:

Labor Day hours for the Chester Fritz Library are: Saturday, Aug. 30, closed; Sunday, Aug. 31, closed; Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day), 1 p.m. to midnight. – Karen Cloud, Chester Fritz Library.

Health sciences library:

Labor Day holiday hours for the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences are: Saturday, Aug. 30, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 31, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m. to midnight. – April Byars, health sciences library.

Law library:

Labor Day hours are: Saturday through Monday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 1 to 5 p.m. Regular hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 2. – Jane Oakland, circulation manager, Thormodsgard Law Library.

ITSS:

Information Technology Systems and Services will close for the Labor Day holiday at 1 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2. – Marv Hanson, associate director, ITSS.

Nominations sought for student ambassadors

Enrollment services is currently accepting applications for student ambassadors for the 2003-2004 academic year. An integral part of the orientation process, ambassadors work with new students to prepare them for university life, talk about UND with students at their high school, help with recruitment and retention projects, and represent the University at campus events.

The success of the orientation program greatly depends on the type of student who becomes an ambassador. Students who are successful in this position show a high level of involvement in their educational experience. Qualities we seek include a strong academic background, involvement in campus and community activities, effective leadership and communication skills, a positive outlook on campus life, and a caring attitude toward fellow students.

We would appreciate your assistance in recruiting qualified leaders by providing the names of students that you feel would be an asset to the program. We will send them more information about the program.

Thank you for your assistance in this important project. Please submit nominations to me by Sept. 19. – Rochelle Bollman, Enrollment Services, Box 8135, 777-6468, rochelle_bollman@mail.und.nodak.edu.

Please return faculty-staff directory forms

Employees are reminded that it is important for cross-campus communication that their names be included in the UND Directory with at least their office and department addresses and phone numbers. It is also preferable to include resident information. Forms to update information on faculty and staff members for inclusion in the 2003-2004 UND Directory of Faculty, Staff and Students were sent to departments this week. Additional forms are available from the Office of University Relations, 411 Twamley Hall, phone 777-2731, or at www.und.edu/dept/our/directory/. Deadline for returning them to the UND Office of University Relations, which compiles the Directory, is Monday, Sept. 8. This has been determined as the best method available for updating faculty and staff directory information. The new directory is distributed through sales at several campus locations beginning in the second week of October. – Jim Penwarden, associate director, University Relations.

Post Office has moved to Union

The U.S. Post Office in Twamley Hall has been moved to the basement of the Memorial Union. Services provided by the Post Office include the sale of stamps and money orders, personal priority and express mail, personal Fed Ex and UPS packages, and personal post office box rentals.

All departmental campus mail will continue to be processed in Twamley Hall. Plans for moving these services to central receiving are in development, with a move planned for December. Mail service to departments will not change at this

time. Prior to the move to central receiving, information will be provided to departments on any changes in procedures that might affect them. We understand how important mail is to each department on campus and will try to ensure that service will continue uninterrupted.

Please contact mailing services at 777-2279 or 777-4823 or finance and operations at 777-2015 if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition. – Darin Lee, mailing services.

Multiple sclerosis education, support group formed

A new multiple sclerosis education and support group has been formed. As a faculty member with MS, I know there are several other faculty and staff who either have MS or know someone that does. Meetings will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Sharon Lutheran Church, 1720 S. 20th St., Grand Forks, Rooms 4 and 6 (enter the southeast door, take a left and look for the room). If anyone is interested please contact me at my e-mail at work (lee_ness@und.edu) or home (ljn0219@wiktel.com). Telephone is 777-4687 or 787-5164. I have brochures and further information. – Lee Ness, accounting and business law.

Cellular One offers employee discount

Cellular One, which has been awarded the state contract for cellular services, is offering a 15 percent discount to current UND employees on any personal cell phone retail plan of \$30 and above. A 24-month contract is required and must be under the employee's name. Proof of current employment will be required. Visit their web site for detailed information on rate plans and phones. For your convenience, representatives of CellularOne will be at the Memorial Union on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Lois MacGregor, telecommunications.

“Stomping Grounds” open at Union

Stomping Grounds is now open on the first floor of the Memorial Union. Operated by dining services, Stomping Grounds serves coffee, sandwiches, soups and specialty pastries, along with Seattle's Best Coffee. The telephone number is 777-3306. – Karen Tan, marketing intern., dining services.

Host families sought for international students

The American Language Academy is seeking host families for international students. You provide a private, furnished bedroom, food for all meals, a way to get to and from school, and enthusiasm for other cultures. You receive a rewarding multi-cultural experience and \$1,200 for each eight-week session. – Patricia Young, American Language Academy.

Conversation partners needed

The American Language Academy is seeking conversation partners for international students. If you have at least one free hour per week and enjoy meeting new people, we would like to meet you. ALA@UND has international students looking for individuals to spend time talking with them. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about another culture while making new friends. – Patricia Young, American Language Academy.

U2 workshops listed for Sept. 16-26

Reserve your seat by registering with U2 by phone, 777-2128; e-mail, U2@mail.und.nodak.edu; or online, www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Include workshop title and date, name, department, position, box number, phone number, e-mail address, and how you first learned of the workshop. Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

Electricity, What You Don't Know Might Shock You: Sept. 16, 9 to 11 a.m., Sioux Room, Memorial Union. Many people are injured and even killed by electricity every year. This workshop provides basic information for those “non-electricians” forced to work around electrical equipment. Presenter: Jason Uhlir.

Records Management 101 (limited seating): Sept. 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., 16-18 Swanson Hall. Do you feel overwhelmed by the amount of records around you? Is it sometimes hard to find the information you need to do your job

effectively? Do you have records that are from the prehistoric ages, and do you want to get rid of them (legally)? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come to this hands-on workshop to learn practical tips that you can start using today. Presenter: Sara Bolken, records manager.

Employee Privacy and the Law: Sept. 18, 9 to 11 a.m., 305 Twamley Hall. How far can an employer go in making decisions on issues related to privacy in the workplace? Presenters: Joy Johnson and Desi Sporbett, human resources.

Mainframe Computer Usage and Monthly Reports: Sept. 18, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 361 Upson II Hall. Find out how to use the mainframe uniform accounting system, various screens, and computer printouts. Presenters: accounting services and grants and contracts administration.

Parents Do Make a Difference: Sept. 23 and 25, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Christus Rex Lounge. Have you talked to your child about alcohol and drugs? Would you like to increase the odds of your child remaining drug/alcohol free? Do you know how to talk about the risks of underage drinking? For information on these topics and more, register for this three-hour seminar, geared for parents of young children or those who work with youth. Presenters: Amy Brooks and Jodie Goetz-Olson, youth diversion specialists from Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota.

Records Disposal Procedures (limited seating): Sept. 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sioux Room, Memorial Union. During this workshop you will learn more about the process for destroying or transferring records that have passed their retention time limits. We'll review the forms used, discuss why it's necessary to document, and you will take part in a hands-on run-through of the entire process. It's fun to clean out, it's easier to do than you think, and now's the time to do it! Presenter: Sara Bolken, records manager.

Working in Confined Spaces: Sept. 25, 2 to 4 p.m., Sioux Room, Memorial Union. Confined spaces can be deadly. Reinforce understanding of the risks associated with working in confined spaces such as manholes, trenches, cable vaults and attics. The following topics are included in the workshop: identification of a confined space and its conditions; toxic, flammable, and oxygen-deficient atmospheres; hazards and proper personal protective equipment; and roles and responsibilities. Presenter: Jason Uhlir.

Creative Desktop Publishing with PageMaker: Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, 8 to noon, 235 Starcher Hall. Fee: \$60 (includes materials). Gain knowledge in the use of PageMaker 6.5 to create visually appealing posters, flyers, newsletters and more. Learn this popular desktop publishing technology through a hands-on approach. You are encouraged to bring project ideas to work on. Presenter: Lynda Kenney, department of technology.

Transaction Classification Code (TCC listing): Sept. 26, 9 to 10 a.m., Memorial Room, Memorial Union. This class will show how to use TCC listings and provide clarification on how items should be coded. Presenters: accounting services.

Purchasing Policies and Procedures: Sept. 26, 10 to 11 a.m., Memorial Room, Memorial Union. Find out who is responsible for the process of purchasing, obligations of process time, receiving acceptance, payment, product use, maintenance, insurance, and on to final disposal. Presenters: purchasing office.

– Julie Sturges, U2 Program Assistant, University Within the University.

GRANTS & RESEARCH

SSAC applications due Sept. 15

Monday, Sept. 15, is the first deadline for submission of applications to the Senate scholarly activities committee (SSAC). The committee will consider requests from faculty members to support travel associated with the presentation of scholarly papers. Travel requests will be considered only for travel to be completed between Sept. 16, 2003, and Jan. 15, 2004. No other applications will be considered at that time. The committee WILL NOT provide funds for travel already completed. However, awards can be made contingent on receipt of a letter of acceptance from the meeting at which a paper is to be presented or a program listing the applicant among the presenters. Therefore, if you will be traveling during the specified dates, but do not yet have a letter of acceptance, please do submit your application at this time. If an award is made, an

account will be set up for you after you submit proper evidence of acceptance for presentation.

The second deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, Oct. 15. Only research/creative activity or publication applications will be considered.

The third deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004. Travel applications will be considered only for travel that will occur between Jan. 16, 2004, and May 3, 2004. No other applications will be considered.

The fourth deadline for submission of applications is Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004. Research/creative activity and publication grant applications as well as applications for new faculty scholar awards will be considered; no travel applications will be considered.

Monday, May 3, 2004, is the final deadline for submission of travel grant applications. This deadline is for travel occurring between May 4, 2004, and Sept. 15, 2004. No other applications will be considered.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. The proposal should be written with a multidisciplinary readership in mind. Avoid technical jargon and undefined abbreviations. Although the SSAC encourages submission of research/creative activity proposals and travel/publication requests, the committee takes into consideration the most recent SSAC (or FRCAC) award granted to each applicant. Priority will be given to beginning faculty and first-time applicants.

Requests for research/creative activity awards may not exceed \$2,500. The committee receives requests for funding that far exceed funds available for awards; therefore, please prepare your application carefully.

Application forms are available at ORPD, 105 Twamley Hall, 777-4278, or on ORPD's home page (www.und.edu under research). A properly signed original and seven copies of the application must be submitted to ORPD prior to or on the published deadline. Applications that are not prepared in accordance with the directions on the forms will not be considered by the Committee. Please feel free to contact any of the current SSAC members for information or guidance when preparing your application. Their names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are available on ORPD's home page or by calling ORPD at 777-4279.

-- Glenda Lindseth (nursing), Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee.

Preproposals sought for COBRE grants

The National Center for Research Resources has issued a solicitation for proposals for "Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE)." This program provides support for the Institutional Development Award (IdeA) Program to foster health-related research and increase the competitiveness of investigators at institutions located in states with historically low aggregate success rates for grant awards from the NIH. The University is eligible for these grants. Two years ago, a proposal from UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences involving several faculty researchers was awarded \$10 million.

The purpose of the COBRE program is to (1) enhance the ability of investigators to compete independently for complementary NIH individual research grants or other external peer-review support and (2) augment and enhance an institution's biomedical research infrastructure through establishment of a multi-disciplinary center, led by a peer-reviewed, funded investigator with expertise central to the research theme of the proposal. The application must have a thematic scientific focus in a specific research area, such as neuroscience, cancer, structural biology, immunology, or bioengineering, and may use basic, clinical or both research approaches to attain the goals of the proposed center. The center is intended to support investigators from several complementary disciplines. The research focus of COBRE encompasses the full spectrum of the basic and clinical sciences and includes cellular and molecular biology, biophysics and biotechnology, genetics and developmental biology, pharmacology and others.

The PI must have an active biomedical or behavioral research program that receives NIH, NSF or other peer-reviewed support in the scientific area of the center. Each COBRE program should include three to five research projects that stand alone, but share a common thematic scientific focus. Each research project should be supervised by a single junior

investigator who is responsible for insuring that the specific aims of that project are met.

Applicants must request project periods of five years and may request a budget for direct costs of up to and no more than \$1.5 million per year, excluding facilities and administrative (F&A) costs on consortium arrangements. The applicant may request additional direct costs in year one only of up to \$500,000 as a one-time expenditure for alteration and renovation of laboratory or animal facilities.

Because UND may submit only one application to the program at this time, a committee will be set up to conduct an internal review of preproposals. Preproposals should address the following points:

- Cover page listing the project name, collaborators, contact person, total budget amount.
- Biographical sketches (no more than two pages) of the principal investigator and junior investigators who will be participating in the proposal.
- An overall research plan to justify support of a multi-disciplinary COBRE program for five years.
- Succinct descriptions of three to five proposed projects.
- Detailed budget (including expected cost share amounts and sources)
- A clear definition of the nature and extent of research collaboration, including a brief explanation of the necessary administrative, fiscal, and scientific aspects of the proposed COBRE.
- A description of the research and research training or career development goals and capabilities of the proposed COBRE.
- A description of the infrastructure for conducting studies aimed at developing a nationally competitive biomedical research program.

Preproposals (an original plus five copies) should be no more than six pages in length (excluding cover page, biographical sketches and budget pages) using a reasonable format (one-inch margins, font size 11, single-spaced). Preproposals are due in the Office of Research and Program Development by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. Criteria used for reviewing preproposals will conform to the guidelines included in the program announcement which can be found at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-03-014.html>.

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the announcement, please contact Shirley Griffin at 777-4278 or shirley_griffin@mail.und.nodak.edu.

The NCRR deadlines for the program are: Oct. 17, 2003 (letter of intent); Jan. 18, 2004 (full proposal). The program will use the NIH exploratory grant award mechanism (P20).

– William Gosnold, interim director, Office of Research and Program Development.

Research, grant opportunities listed

Following are research and grant opportunities. For additional information, contact the Office of Research and Program Development at 777-4278 or shirley_griffin@mail.und.nodak.edu.

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AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)

Small Grant Program for Conference Support—Conferences eligible for support include: research development, design and methodology, and dissemination conferences related to health services research. Contact: Sandra Issacson, 301-594-6668; sissacso@ahrq.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-141.html>. Deadline: 10/1/03.

ALCOA FOUNDATION

Funding to improve quality of life through projects in the following areas: Conservation and Sustainability; Safe and Healthy Children and Families; Global Education and Workplace Skills; and Business and Community Partnerships. Deadline: None. Contact: Alcoa Foundation, 412-553-2348; Alcoa.Foundation@alcoa.com; http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/info_page/foundation.asp.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DIABETES EDUCATORS (AADE)

Eli Lilly Type 2 Diabetes in Primary Care Award—Funding for development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative approaches to delivery of collaborative diabetes care and education to persons with Type 2 diabetes treated in a primary

care setting. Deadline: 10/2/03. Contact: Julie Finney, 312-424-2426; jfinney@aadnet.org; <http://www.aadnet.org/AADFoundation/Grants/Foundationindex.html>.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (AIPS)

Jefferson Awards recognize public and community service of ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. Contact: AIPS, 302-622-9101; info@jeffersonawards.org; <http://www.aips.org/jefferson/index.htm>. Deadline: None.

ARA PARSEGHIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

NPC Research Grants support research on understanding the cause or developing treatment for Niemann-Pick Type C disease (NPC). Deadline: 10/11/03. Contact: Grants Administrator, 520-577-5106; victory@parseghian.org; <http://parseghian.org/apmrfweb/researchapp.html>.

ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES, INC.

Korea Related Speakers and Panels Grants support research of North American scholars to improve quality of teaching (college and precollege levels) about Korea, and integrate study of Korea into major academic disciplines. Contact: AAS Secretariat, NEAC Japan Grants, 734-665-2490; <http://www.aasianst.org/grants/grants.html#NEAC-KOREAN>. Deadline: 10/2/03.

ASSOCIATION OF PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTERS

Project Grants support implementation of adult audience development projects involving extended residency by a performing artist, company, or group. Deadlines: 10/4/03 (Letter of Intent); 11/15/03 (Application). Contact: Arts Partners Program, 202-833-2787; artspres@artspresenters.org; <http://www.artspresenters.org/funding/index.html>.

BUSH FOUNDATION

Leadership Fellows Program—Support for leadership training of individuals in fields such as public service, education, government, health, business, community development, engineering, architecture, science, farming, forestry, law, trade unions, law enforcement, journalism, and social work. Training may include academic courses, internships, self-designed study programs, or combinations of these and other experiences. Deadline: 10/11/03. Contact: Bush Foundation, 651-227-0891; grants@bushfound.org; <http://www.bushfoundation.org/programs/LeadershipFellowsProg.htm#Application>.

CHATLOS FOUNDATION

Support in the following areas: religious causes, medical concerns, liberal arts colleges, and social concerns. Contact: Chatlos Foundation, 407-862-5077; cj@chatlos.org; <http://www.chatlos.org/AppInfo.htm>. Deadline: None.

CHILDREN'S GAUCHER DISEASE RESEARCH FUND

Support for pure research to find a cure for the neuronopathic form of Gaucher disease. Contact: Gregory Macres, 916-797-3700; research@childrensgaucher.org; <http://www.childrensgaucher.org/research/aboutresearchfund.htm>. Deadline: None.

CLINTON (WILLIAM J.) PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION

Support to strengthen capacity of people in the U.S. and throughout the world to meet challenges of global interdependence in the following areas: economic empowerment of poor people; racial, ethnic and religious reconciliation; health security, specifically combating AIDS; citizen service; and leadership development. Deadline: None. Contact: Clinton Presidential Foundation, 501-370-8000; info@clintonpresidentialcenter.com; http://www.clintonpresidentialcenter.com/found_index.html.

CURE AUTISM NOW

Innovative Technology for Autism Awards support research to find effective biological treatments, prevention and a cure for autism and related disorders. Deadline: None. Contact: Therese Finazzo, 323-549-0500; info@cureautismnow.org; http://www.cureautismnow.org/research/itaa_descrip.cfm.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE (DOD)

Next Generation Spectrum Assignment—Support for research covering a broad range of requirements in the area of next generation radio frequency spectrum use with emphasis on novel dynamic, autonomous spectrum assignment methodologies for communications and sensing, through integration and application of technology to increase spectrum access through adaptive use of available spectrum. Areas of interest are: real-time sensing of spectrum usage; real-time characterization spectrum usage; autonomously reacting to and planning spectrum usage through selection of frequency, waveform, directionality, polarization, temporal characteristics and other novel usage approaches; and dynamically adapting to changes in spectrum usage. Contact: Joetta Bernhard, 315-330-2308; Joetta.Bernhard@rl.af.mil;

[http://www.fbodaily.com/cbd/archive/2001/10\(October\)/25-Oct-2001/asol007.htm](http://www.fbodaily.com/cbd/archive/2001/10(October)/25-Oct-2001/asol007.htm). Deadline: None.

EARHART FOUNDATION

Fellowship and Research Grants support research in the social sciences and humanities disciplines, including economics, government/politics, philosophy, and international affairs. Deadline: None. Contact: Earhart Foundation, 734-761-8592; 2200 Green Road, Suite H, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

HASTINGS CENTER

The Student Scholars and U.S. and Canadian Visiting Scholars programs support independent research on ethical issues in medicine, the life sciences, and the professions. Deadline: None. Contact: Director of Education, 845-424-4040; visitors@thehastingscenter.org; <http://www.thehastingscenter.org/visitors/visitorsssp.htm>.

HEWLETT (WILLIAM AND FLORA) FOUNDATION

U.S.-Latin American Relations Grants Program—Support for projects to strengthen the institutional capacity of Mexico and Brazil to address pressing issues in environment, population, conflict resolution, and education. Deadline: None. Contact: Hoa Tran, Telephone: 650-234-4500 x4654; HTran@Hewlett.org; http://www.hewlett.org/guidelines/uslar/uslar_top_frm.htm.

HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

Short-Term Fellowships 2004 support basic research on complex mechanisms of living organisms. Deadline: None. Contact: Human Frontier Science Program Organization, Telephone: 33 3 88 21 51 34; fellow@hfsp.org; http://www.hfsp.org/how/appl_forms_STF.htm.

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IIE)

Investing in Women in Development Fellows Program (IWID)—In order to provide mid-career professionals with international development assignments that will lead to careers in the development field, support is provided in the following fields: economic growth, global environment, girl's education, and democracy and conflict prevention. Contact: IWID Fellows Program, 202-326-7855; iwid@iie.org; <http://www.iie.org/programs/iwid/>. Deadline: 10/10/03.

JONES (FLETCHER) FOUNDATION

Support for charitable, scientific, literary, and educational projects, as well as general-purpose grants. Deadline: None. Contact: Christine Sisley, 213-943-4646; chris@fletcherjonesfdn.org.

KARMA FOUNDATION

Support in the areas of arts and culture, education and literacy, health and human services, and development and enrichment of Jewish life. Contact: Karma Foundation, 818-760-6454; info@karmafoundation.org; <http://www.karmafoundation.org/applic.htm>. Deadline: None.

KRESGE FOUNDATION

Bricks and Mortar—Funding for construction/renovation of facilities and purchase of major capital equipment and real estate. Contact: Kresge Foundation, 248-643-9630; http://www.kresge.org/programs/bricks_mort.htm. Deadline: None.

LUCE (HENRY) FOUNDATION, INC.

Grants and Responsive Grants—Areas of interest are: Asia; Theology; American Art; Higher Education; and Public Policy. Contact: Luce Foundation, Inc., 212-489-7700; hlf@hluce.org; <http://www.hluce.org/4bgen.html>. Deadline: None.

MUSTE (A. J.) MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Support for projects to advance nonviolent grassroots education and action for social and economic justice. Deadlines: 10/10/03, 2/27/04, 4/30/04. Contact: Muste Memorial Institute, 212-533-4335; ajmusteinst@igc.org; <http://www.ajmuste.org/guidelin.htm>.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)

Inclusion of Additional Receipt Date For Exploratory/Developmental Grants For Diagnostic Cancer Imaging. Additional Deadline: 10/1/03.

Contact: Anne E. Menkens, 301-496-9531; am187k@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-03-034.html>.

Support to establish a Pediatric Preclinical Testing Program (SOL N01-CM-37027-23) to systematically test agents in childhood cancer preclinical models. Deadline: 10/6/03. Contact: Doris Rosenblatt, 301-435-3824; dr220a@nih.gov; <http://rcb.cancer.gov/rcb-internet/appl/rfp/37027/toc.pdf>.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES (NCRR)

Science Education Partnership Awards (SEPA) provide support for biomedical and/or behavioral scientists to work as partners with science museum educators, media experts, and other interested organizations on projects to improve student (K-12) and public understanding of the health sciences. Deadline: 10/1/03. Contact: Krishan K. Arora, 301-435-0766; arorak@ncrr.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-036.html>.

NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NHGRI)

Opportunity to Propose Organisms for Genomic Sequencing—A competitive process will be implemented for selection of genomes to sequence using NHGRI-supported sequencing capacity, based on investigator or community-initiated proposals and peer review. White Paper Deadlines: 10/10/03, 2/10/04, 6/10/04. Contact: Jane Peterson, 301-496-7531; jane_peterson@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HG-02-003.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (NICHD)

Genetic Basis of Recovery and Rehabilitation—Funding for hypothesis-driven genomic studies of individuals with physical disabilities in order to identify genetic factors that drive rehabilitative outcome. Animal studies may provide the background for proposals, but this initiative is primarily aimed at clinical studies in humans. Deadlines: 9/15/03 (Letter of Intent); 10/15/03 (Application). Contact: Ralph Nitkin, 301-402-4206; rn21e@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-03-025.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH (NIDCR)

Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Program Award in Dental, Craniofacial and Oral Health Research (K12) Award—Scholar Development awards support additional mentored postdoctoral research experience. Faculty Transition awards support appointment to a tenure track or equivalent position followed with funding for an independent research project in dental, oral or craniofacial research. Deadline: 10/1/03. Contact: James A. Lipton, 301-594-2618; James_Lipton@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-00-140.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (NIEHS)

Gene/Environment Interaction in Neurodegenerative Disease—Funding for research on the relative roles of environmental, endogenous neurochemical, and genetic factors in the causation of neurodegenerative diseases with a focus on gene-environment interactions as a risk factor in ALS. Contact: Annette Kirshner, 919-541-0488; kirshner@niehs.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-03-160.html>. Deadlines: 10/1/03, 2/1/04, 6/1/04.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM (NIAAA)

Finding Genes for Alcohol-Related Behaviors and Risk for Alcoholism—Funding for research to identify and characterize genes that contribute to individual susceptibility to alcoholism and alcohol-related behaviors. Deadlines: 10/1/03, 2/1/04, 6/1/04. Contact: Lisa A. Neuhold, 301-594-6228; lneuhold@willco.niaaa.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-162.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children—Support for research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic diseases. The study of children within the context of family and family-community dynamics and research related to sociocultural, environmental, and behavioral mechanisms as well as biological/technological factors that contribute to successful and ongoing self-management of particular chronic diseases in children are encouraged. Deadlines: 10/1/03, 2/1/04, 6/1/04. Contact: Nell Armstrong, 301-594-5973; armstrongn@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-159.html>.

Research on the Reduction and Prevention of Suicidality—Support for research to reduce the burden of suicidality (deaths, attempts, and ideation). Interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged. Deadlines: 10/1/03, 2/1/04, 6/1/04. Contact: Jane L. Pearson, 301-443-3598; jp36u@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-161.html>.

The Etiology, Pathogenesis and Treatment of ALS—Support for research addressing the etiology, pathogenesis and treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Contact: Paul A. Sheehy, 301-496-5329; sheehyp@ninds.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-04-003.html>. Deadlines: 9/30/03 (Letter of Intent); 10/22/03 (Application).

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

Digital Government (Dig Gov)—Support for multidisciplinary and multi-sector partnerships of researchers in information technologies and government agencies and research on relationships between design and use of information technologies on: forms, processes, and outcomes of democracy; government organizational forms, learning, and adaptation; new

forms of government-government collaboration; citizen/government interaction; and other social/political science research related to IT and government. Deadline: 10/8/03. Contact: Lawrence E. Brandt, 703-292-8980; lbrandt@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf02156>.

Distinguished International Postdoctoral Research Fellowships provide support to investigators in the mathematical and physical sciences for research projects abroad. Deadline: 10/8/03. Contact: John Stevens, 703-292-4948; jstevens@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf01154>.

Infrastructure Management and Hazard Response (IMHR)--Support for fundamental research that will support development of a new knowledge base on modeling and analysis of infrastructure system operation, performance, safety, and productivity. Deadlines: 10/7/03, 2/9/04. Contact: Miriam Heller, 703-292-8360; mheller@nsf.gov; http://www.eng.nsf.gov/cms/About_CMS/iis.htm.

Multi-User Equipment and Instrumentation Resources for Biological Sciences--Support to purchase expensive items (\$40,000 to \$400,000) of equipment to be shared by a number of investigators having actively funded research projects in the areas of biological infrastructure, molecular and cellular biosciences, integrative biology and neuroscience, or environmental biology. Deadline: 10/6/03. Contact: Gerald Selzer, 703-292-8470; gselver@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf98137>.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Microbial Biology support training and research on the basic biology of protozoan, microalgal, fungal, archaeal, bacterial, and viral species not generally considered to be model organisms in Microbial Biology. Deadline: 10/6/03. Contact: Carter Kimsey, 703-292-8470; ckimsey@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf99142>.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers Fellowships Program--Support for professional research and creative literary arts using resources of the Humanities and Social Sciences Library . Deadline: 10/3/03. Contact: Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers, 212-930-0830; CSW@nypl.org; <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/scholars/index.html>.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Journey of a Lifetime Awards support travel to inspire an interest in peoples and places by an individual who has the ability to communicate their experiences through radio broadcasting. Deadline: 10/10/03. Contact: Grants Officer, Telephone +44 (020) 7591-3073; grants@rgs.org; <http://www.rgs.org/templ.php?page=9granjolt>.

SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY

Colgate-Palmolive/SOT Awards for Student Research Training in Alternative Methods support research training using in vitro methods or alternative techniques to reduce, replace or refine use of animals in toxicological research. Deadline: 10/9/03. Contact: Society of Toxicology, 703-438-3115; sothq@toxicology.org; <http://www.toxicology.org/Information/AwardsFellowships/awards.html>.

Contributions to Public Awareness of the Importance of Animals in Toxicology Research Awards recognize contributions made to public understanding of the role and importance of experimental animals in toxicological science. Deadline: 10/9/03. Contact: See above.

Minority Undergraduate Student and Advisor Awards support travel of undergraduate science majors to the Society's annual meeting and include orientation, a poster session, and activities with a mentor. Deadline: 10/9/03. Contact: Education Committee, 703-483-3115; sothq@toxicology.org; <http://www.toxicology.org/Information/AwardsFellowships/awards.html#minority>.

Robert L. Dixon International Travel Awards enable graduate students in the area of reproductive toxicology to attend the International Congress of Toxicology meeting. Deadline: 10/9/03. Contact: See above or <http://www.toxicology.org/Information/AwardsFellowships/awards.html>.

SPENCER FOUNDATION

Dissertation Fellowship Program--Funding for research from a variety of fields relevant to improvement of education which shows potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of education anywhere in the world. Deadline: 10/7/03. Contact: Spencer Dissertation Fellowships Program, 312-274-6526; fellows@spencer.org; <http://www.spencer.org/programs/fellows/dissertation.htm>.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD)

Smart Systems for Logistics Command and Controls (PRDA-03-03-HE)–Support for research to develop technology to collect critical information required to effectively manage logistics resources in support of combat operations. Deadline: 10/6/03. Contact: Rhonda Knowles, 937-656-9032; rhonda.knowles@wpafb.af.mil; <http://fedbizopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=20030812a6>.

-- William Gosnold, interim director, Office of Research and Program Development.

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